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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Donald "Doc" Shanower of Naperville, who passed away on September 14, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Shanower was born in Ohio to Merl and Ella Shanower; he served in the United States Army during World War II, taking part in the Battle of the Bulge and earning a Purple Heart and other service medals; he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Kent State University; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Shanower joined the faculty at North Central College in 1955 as an assistant professor in the speech and theater department; he earned his doctoral degree from the University of Michigan 4 years later; he established The Summer Place in 1966, creating a source for community theater that continues to thrive in the city; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Shanower served as President of the Rotary Club of Naperville and volunteered at the Naper Settlement and the Bethlehem Center, now known as the Northern Illinois Food Bank; he and his wife traveled extensively, and in 1984, he was North Central College's first exchange professor to Hirosaki Gakuin College in Japan; and

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1           WHEREAS, The North Central College varsity softball field  
2 bears the name "Shanower Family Field" in honor of Donald  
3 Shanower's love of the sport and the loss of his son, Dan, who  
4 lost his life in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on  
5 September 11, 2001; and

6           WHEREAS, Donald Shanower was preceded in death by his  
7 parents; his siblings, Molly Jane, Robert, and Paul; and his  
8 son, U.S. Navy Cmdr. Dan Shanower; and

9           WHEREAS, Donald Shanower is survived by his wife of 64  
10 years, Patricia; his children, Vicki (Ed) Wike, Paula (Bob)  
11 Coleman, Tom ('Ana) Shanower, and Jon Shanower; his 8  
12 grandchildren, Rachel, John, and Molly Wike, Andrew Coleman,  
13 Elaine O'Kelley, and Matthew, Nicholas, and Stephanie  
14 Shanower; and his great-grandchild, Haven O'Kelley; therefore,  
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16           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Donald "Doc" Shanower, and extend our sincere condolences to  
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
20 further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Donald Shanower as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.